

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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## Valencia County Mobility Plan UPDATE

DRAFT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

March 17, 2008 – Release for Public Review  
May 5, 2008 – Deadline for Comments



## **Valencia County Transportation Steering Committee**

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## **VALENCIA COUNTY MOBILITY PLAN UPDATE**

The Valencia County Mobility Plan was developed in 2006 to address the needs of bicycle, pedestrian, equestrian, public transportation, and motorized vehicle users throughout Valencia County. The Plan covered a 20-year time frame, 2005 to 2025. It identified a prioritized list of projects to be used as a starting point for discussions between local, state, and federal officials about Valencia County's transportation needs and the most effective and appropriate ways to provide funding to meet those needs.

The Mobility Plan is the result of intensive work by local officials and planners, and staff from the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG). MRCOG is the regional planning agency for the four-county area. The Mobility Plan identifies projects to address transportation needs between 2005 and 2025. It addresses bicycle and pedestrian needs, equestrian uses, public transportation, aviation and rail, and roadways.

In the Summer of 2007, the Valencia County Transportation Steering Committee reviewed the Plan and events which had occurred subsequent to approval and requested that an Update to the Plan be developed. These events included incorporation of the Town of Peralta, extension of the MRCOG population and employment forecasts to 2030, and further refinements to development plans in the County.

A series of Workshops were held in Fall 2007 to gather public input regarding desired changes to the Plan. This input was summarized and presented, along with a set of recommendations, to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee then requested Mid-Region Council of Governments staff to develop a draft Update to the Plan for public review. This document was developed and has been released for public review and input.

Aside from changes that reflect updated information regarding travel, population and employment data, completed projects, and planning efforts in the county, this Update proposes that the following modifications be made to the Valencia County Mobility Plan.

- Modification of Goal C to state that proposed roadway facilities will minimize the taking of agricultural lands (pg. 12)

- Additional information regarding airport facilities in the county (pages 15, 17, 22 and 28)
- Additional information regarding freight rail issues in the county (pages 21, 26, 47 and 48)
- Additional vehicle crash data (pages 22 and 25-27)
- The following modifications to the proposed roadway projects (pages 49 through 53). A map showing the revised roadway project proposal is shown in Figure ES-1.
  - Delete the four lane with middle turn lane proposal for NM47, Wolfe Lane to Tome Hill Road
  - Identify a Corridor Study on NM47 between Wolfe Lane and River Road to gain community consensus regarding context-sensitive solutions to corridor issues.
  - Expand the boundary for the Morris/Miller Road Interchange and Corridor Study north to NM6 and include a study alternative that evaluates the potential for constructing multiple river crossings using low-profile, two-lane roadways that connect existing facilities.
  - Extend the frontage roads along I-25 north of NM6 to the proposed interchange at the Isleta Pueblo boundary.
  - Add a Los Chavez Subarea Study to complete a subarea transportation study for this community.
  - Expand the Tome/Adelino/Manzano Expressway Subarea Study north to Tome Hill Road/North Rio del Oro Loop.
  - Complete an Interstate Access Study for I-25 between Exit 261 and the South Belen Interchange.
  - Delete the proposed new I-25 interchange approximately 2 miles north of the north Belen interchange and the proposed roadway extending to NM47 in the vicinity of Marquez Road.
  - Add a new roadway south from Meadow Lake to North Rio del Oro Loop.

Three public meetings will be held. They have been scheduled for the following dates, times and locations:

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, April 9  
 Los Lunas Wellness Center  
 3447 Lambros Loop, Los Lunas

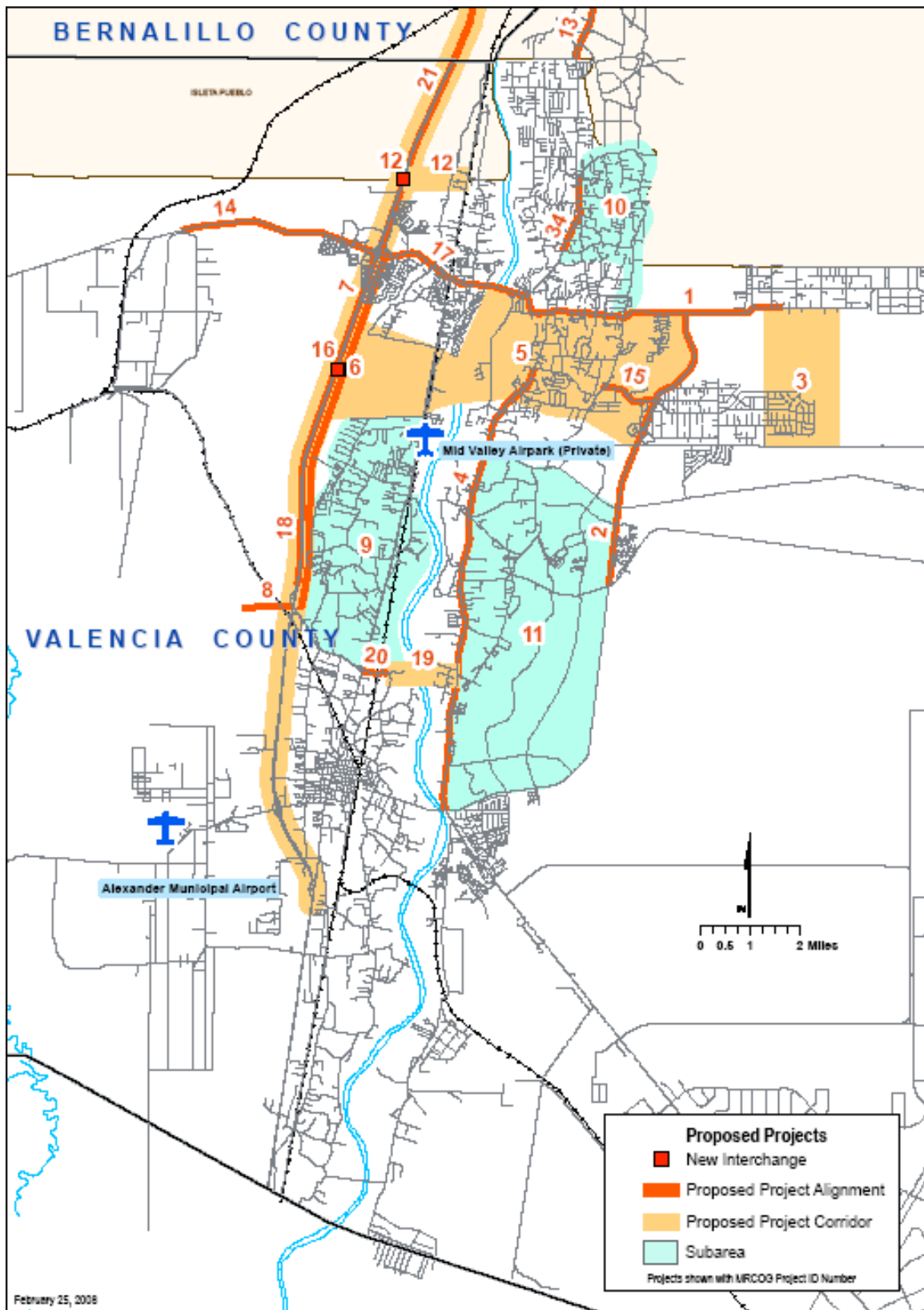


Figure ES-1. Proposed Roadway Facilities for Valencia County Mobility Plan

9:30 -11:30 a.m.  
Saturday, April 12  
Belen Public Library  
333 Becker Avenue, Belen

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 22  
Peralta Elementary School  
3645 NM47, Peralta

Comments are being accepted through May 5, 2008 and may be provided via e-mail to [ltollefson@mrcog-nm.gov](mailto:ltollefson@mrcog-nm.gov), by fax at 247-1753, or by mail to Mid-Region Council of Governments, 807 Copper NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102.



## COMMENT FORM FOR

### DRAFT VALENCIA COUNTY MOBILITY PLAN UPDATE

*Dear Fellow Citizen,*

*We appreciate your taking the time and energy to review and comment on the draft Valencia County Mobility Plan. Your input is welcomed.*

*Thank you*

**Topic of Comment:** \_\_\_\_\_ Pedestrian/Bike Element \_\_\_\_\_ Equestrian Element  
\_\_\_\_\_ Transit Element \_\_\_\_\_ Roadway Element \_\_\_\_\_ Other

**COMMENT:**

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If you would like a personal response that explains how your comments were used in developing the final Plan, please provide the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return comments to MRCOG by mail to Mid-Region Council of Governments, 809 Copper NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102 or by fax to 247-1753. Comments can also be provided by e-mail to [ltollefson@mrcog-nm.gov](mailto:ltollefson@mrcog-nm.gov).

**Deadline for comments is Monday, May 5, 2008**

